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NEXT AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1219:  
Wed 1030 on WWCR 9475  
Mon 0430 on WSUI 910 <http://wsui.uiowa.edu>

FIRST AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO Extra 45:  
[Same as COM 03-06, but not previously on most WOR affiliates]  
Wed 2300 on WBCQ 7415, 17495-CUSB, <http://wbcq.us>  
Thu 2130 on WWCR 9475

WRN ONDEMAND [from Fri]:  
<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>  
OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:  
Check <http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>  
WORLD OF RADIO Extra 45 (high version):  
(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/worx45h.ram>  
(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/worx45h.rm>  
(summary) <http://www.worldofradio.com/com0306.html>  
WORLD OF RADIO Extra 45 (low version):  
(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0306.ram>  
(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0306.rm>

WORLD OF RADIO ON RNI WEBCAST

Lee (LF Midwood) would like to present WOR on Sundays from 4:00 to 4:30 EST [2100-2130 UT], starting next Sunday, 2/15. He'll download the program from the web earlier in the week. The program will be presented between a replay of The Pab Sungenis Project, probably the same episode that aired earlier on WBCQ that week, and a live music/talk program, The Zanny Show. The full schedule is at the RNI website address <http://www.radionewyorkinternational.com> or

<http://www.11L-rni.com> He got permission from Johnny Lightning and Allan Weiner to use the name. About 1/3rd the programming are rebroadcasts from WBCQ, including live simulcasts of mine and JL's shows and the repeats during the week (Steve Cole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 4903.5, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 10 Feb, 1020 to 1030, ID's and TC's; since return of Riberalta, frequency is up from 4901.6 with slop from the ever-present "swisher" (Bob Wilkner, R75, NRD 535D, Pûmpano Beach, Florida, US, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CANADA. RCI 9515 Spurious Transmission --- Glenn, after hearing RCI splattering back in Dec, I sent them email notifying them of the problem. You would think they would have taken the initiative to track down the problem and correct it. Yesterday (Sat. Feb 3) while scanning the 31 meter band, I heard the same thing happening again. In particular, they were all over the top of Radio Australia on 9590. Apparently, their old Harris DX100 transmitter has gone on the fritz and is generating the spurious. You have any idea on how to get the problem solved? (Tim Brown, Feb 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Earlier:

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I seem to be hearing RCI's 9515 kHz transmission up above the assigned frequency all over the place. Anyone else notice?  
(Tim Brown, 26 Dec, rec.radio.shortwave via DXLD)

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Yes. Bad splatter in SE Michigan. Down about 100 kc and above about 300 kc. (Jim, ibid.)

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I did as well yesterday, I thought it unusual because it's never happened before. I looked at the signal and I was getting almost 60 over but I have two 5000 watt mw radio stations with 2 miles as the crow flies and none of them give me any interference. I even attenuated the signal down 20 db and I was getting it on all my receivers. So something was going on. I think RCI maybe getting a little lax in the engineering dept. 73's (Rick, KB1KIL, ibid.)

You might try phoning Sackville. The number I have from several years ago is 506-536-2690. Let me know if you get anywhere. On occasion I have had XERMX spur around 9515/9510 and splattering in our mornings. Assume you are sure this was really RCI? (Glenn to Tim, via DXLD)

\*\* COLOMBIA. 6010.2, R. Alcarav·n, the LV de Tu Conciencia MW sister station, fairly good at 1040 Jan 30 with HJ music program, local announcements, Alcarav·n IDs giving frequency of AM 1530 at 1044; I think they mentioned LV de Tu Conciencia once, but no mention of SW frequency and this appeared to be basically Alcarav·n programming. They played a long version of the HJ NA at 1103, then gave Conciencia ID and continued with Conciencia programming. Voice audio a little

tinny before the NA, better afterwards.

"We are building a new SW transmitter twice as powerful as the one we are now using (which will continue to be used on another frequency). It will cost about \$15,000 to complete this installation, which will greatly increase our coverage of the jungle. We also need \$12,000 worth of literature, and as many transistor radios as possible (they cost \$10-20 each depending on the model -- some are solar powered). Over 1,000 radios have been distributed, and we figure that 10,000 radios distributed to guerrillas and paramilitary could produce a significant overall change." This per Russ Stendal in Colombia Para Cristo NL (Jerry Berg, MA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

\*\* CONGO DR. 5066.3, 3.2 1635, ZAI, La Voix du Peuple, Bunia with mostly talk in native language, this day sign off at 1710, some other day later. 2 LRH (Leif Rahall, Sweden, SW Bulletin Feb 8, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CUBA. RHC on new 9570, in Spanish closing at 1455 Feb 10, \\  
stronger 9550, also found on 11760, 11800 = big hum and co-channel Chinese, and 12000. 9570 is a frequency used at other times for China relays, so perhaps a mistake. Morning frequencies were not announced at sign-off, but from 0000: on 15230, 11760, 11705, 9550, 6000.

Earlier, Feb 8 at 2304, RHC in English on 9550: input problem with fragments of each word audible, impossible to understand (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DENMARK [non]. 7560, Radio Danmark, Rosenorns Alle 22, DK-1999 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, Report sent to rdktek @ dr.dk for the last transmission on December 31st, 2003. QSL card full data with the sentence: "this was our last day on the air!" in 12 days (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Widely reported on the Topband 160 Meter DX mail lists, is the 2nd harmonic from Radio 91 on 1820 kHz. Radio 91 is in the Dominican Republic. They installed a homebrew transmitter two months ago, 5 kW AM and that's when operators in the US began to experience interference from this station.

A group of hams in the US are working on finding the parts for band pass filter --- so if you want to try logging them I'd try soon. Does anyone know if you can "count" this as a station and/or country heard on MW? 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, Birmingham, AL, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I could be wrong, but I believe W8JI is the only person to have received this station. He has a bunch of Beverages in rural middle Georgia and can't hear it all the time so it isn't going to be an easy

log for others. Good luck with it (Chuck Hutton, WA, ibid.)

\*\* ECUADOR. HD2IOA, 3810, presumed, 0835 27/12, second pips and OM with time-check for 3-35-0 seconds in Spanish, SIO 242 (Nick Rank, Buxton, Derbyshire, Tropical Bands Logbook, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) This time station missing in WRTh 2004 (Alan Pennington, ed., ibid.)

And one must always advert that the only number in the callsign is Two (gh, DXLD)

\*\* ECUADOR [non]. WORLD REGION NEWS:  
CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS RECOGNIZES HCJB WORLD RADIO  
Posted by: newsdesk on Friday, February 06, 2004 05:37 PM

HCJB World Radio was one of 12 nonprofit organizations recognized by the City of Colorado Springs, Colo., Wednesday, Feb. 4, for ``contributions to the international activities of the city.'' This is the second year that the city has handed out the ``Mayor's International Awards.''

Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera presented a certificate to HCJB World Radio President David Johnson at the awards banquet at the Broadmoor Hotel, honoring the ministry for ``broadcasting the gospel, providing healthcare and training, improving the lives of people in more than 100 countries.''

The mayor also recognized the mission for its emphasis on partnerships with nationals worldwide, and for participating in the Community Roundtable, helping to ``break the cycle of poverty in the Colorado Springs area.''

Eleven other nonprofit organizations based in Colorado Springs also received certificates with three of these also getting plaques: Compassion International, Colorado College, and the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Center. The top business awards went to Aeroflex, Simtek Corporation and Westone Laboratories. HCJB World Radio has been based in Colorado Springs since 1992.

``It's good to see that a local city government would recognize not only our charitable work, but the fact that we broadcast the gospel,'' said HCJB World Radio Executive Director Tom Narwold.

Organizer George Boutin, executive director of the Colorado Springs International Affairs Office, said the annual awards were established in 2002 to build up the city's reputation worldwide and recognize the work done both by commercial and nonprofit entities.

``The city has lost some jobs and business overseas in recent years, and the mayor and the Global Advisory Council want to generate more interest in the business community in exporting and doing international business,`` he said. ``The other half is that we have so many nonprofit organizations based here that have international programs, and we wanted to recognize them. Not only do they provide jobs and build up the local economy, they do good work in the world that rubs off on our city.``

Keynote speaker at the event, attended by 158 people, was James Hayes, former publisher and editor of Fortune magazine. He now serves as chairman and chief executive officer of the Colorado Festival of World Theatre. Also present were a number of top city officials, the president of U.S. Bank, and the head of the Chamber of Commerce (HCJB World Radio) (HCJB Press via DXLD) CS overflows with missionary orgs

\*\* ERITREA [non]. Eritrean National Democratic Party Critical of Dejen Radio --- December 9, 2003 --- Article originally posted at:  
<http://www.eritrean-n-d-p.com/AGAME%20HATRED%20AGAINST%20ERITREANS.htm>

The following press release appeared on the Eritrean National Democratic Party, dated December 9, 2003.

#### AGAME HATRED AGAINST ERITREANS

Please click on any of the dates below to listen to the Agame radio, Dejen, and understand the level of hatred vented against Eritrea and the Eritrean people. It is very obvious that some Agames are determined to reverse the Eritrean independence and also claim our land of inheritance. Unfortunately, such evil minded Agames are not confined to Ethiopia and the diasporas alone. Agames, such as mad dog Isaias Afewerki, Hagos Kisha and their likes are in our midst to serve the same purpose. The dekebat Eritreans are today being abused and misused by the filthy Agames in our country, and our land of inheritance trampled upon by these inferiors.

Please listen to some of the commentaries made on the Agame program and the terminologies used to describe Eritrea and Eritrean people. It is very obvious that a large segment of the Agames wish us nothing good. They certainly don't see a viable Eritrea that could co-exist along side their region. Their dream of ``destroying`` the Eritrean nation is very apparent, even if it shall remain just a dream.

However, dekebat Eritreans must be cautious of the Agames, now and in the future. Even if we are aware that Eritrea is God's own country, and that we are protected and preserved by the mighty hand of the Almighty Lord and His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we should, however, not forget that there are evil people with satanic tendencies, in

their hearts, and who are determined to humiliate and exterminate us. And the saddest aspect of the whole scenario is that manta-libom, such as mad dog Isaias Afewerki and Hagos Kisha, share the same evil tendencies against Eritrea and the Eritrean people. The fact that Agame and mad dog Isaias Afewerki has stripped the Eritrean people of our inalienable rights to administer ourselves by ourselves is no different from the hatred that is propagated by the Agame radio. It is no wonder therefore, that the mad Agame dictator is trampling upon our nation without implementing our constitution. In essence, every Eritrean has no basic rights as a citizen of our country. Without a constitution to assert our rights, we are all ``stateless`` and without any legal rights, as Eritreans.

The elimination of mad dog Isaias Afewerki has now become the primary goal of every wedebat Eritrawi. Efforts were made to kill him in November, but was not successful. However, the plan hasn't changed. The death of mad dog Isaias Afewerki and the restoration of the rights of the Eritrean people is still the prime priority. Nothing less than that!! Mad god [sic] Isaias Afewerki is the main target of elimination, and we shall ultimately succeed.

God bless Eritrea God bless the Eritrean people  
Embaye Melekin (ENDP Web site via Grace, CRW via DXLD)

\*\* FRANCE. Why I love ... .. FIP FM  
Lyndsey Winship Monday February 9, 2004 The Guardian  
<http://media.guardian.co.uk/radio/comment/0,12635,1143961,00.html>

Listening to the radio at work is a nice perk, but the ordeal of agreeing on a suitable station must be a major factor contributing to workplace stress. Radio 1? Too irritating. Radio 2? Too middle-of-the-road. Radio 4? Too much talking.

I saw the light a couple of years ago, working a late shift in Brighton, when someone twiddled the dial and opened up the world of France's FIP ("feep") FM.

Spending time with FIP is like rifling through the wares of a brilliant second-hand record shop (on the left bank, naturellement). There's jazz, classical, world music, film scores, chanson, reggae, classic rock hits and reggae versions of classic rock hits. All in the same show.

Where else could you find a station that followed Sinatra with Poulenc, or sandwiched a Bach violin concerto between Bobby McFerrin and Lambchop? A typical playlist goes; Lizz Wright, Belle & Sebastian, Caetano Veloso, the Coral, Etienne Daho, Ella Fitzgerald, MC Solaar, Charles Ives, Beethoven, the Gotan Project ...

Purists might be beside themselves, but music lovers will be in their element. And it's perfect for working to - not too distracting, full of nice tunes, no adverts and very little chat. Even when the "Fipettes" do talk, it's a lovely lilting burble of Gallic gobbledygook.

Why Brightonians are able to receive this radiophonic gem on the wrong side of the Channel is a mystery. This is the town that was only blessed with Five a few months ago. The rumour goes that some tyke set up a transmitter in their loft having fallen in love with FIP on holiday, and soon puzzled folk across the city were discovering that their wireless had turned bilingual.

Of course, thanks to internet radio, now FIP <http://www.radiofrance.fr/chaines/fip/direct> belongs to everyone. Say goodbye to the Top 40. Embrace eclecticism. Vive la différence.  
73 (via Bill Westenhaver, Kim Elliott, DXLD)

\*\* FRANCE. STRIKE AT FRENCH PUBLIC RADIO ENTERS THIRD WEEK

PARIS (AP) -- French radio journalists vowed Monday to press ahead with a strike that has deprived public radio listeners of news, culture and other regular programming for two weeks.

News stations like France-Info and France-Inter have often aired music to fill up airtime since Jan. 27, when employees of Radio France began a strike to press for more pay. Radio France groups together about 50 national and local public radio stations.

A novice reporter at Radio France earns just under C29,000 (US\$36,800) a year, while a senior reporter with 15 years of experience gets C46,000 (US\$58,400) annually.

Radio journalists are demanding salaries on a par with their peers in public television, who earn roughly 20 percent more on average, union organizers said.

"Our movement is strong, determined, calm and serene," Claude Cordier, a union spokesman, said after a meeting of labor leaders. Organizers were to meet again Tuesday, and on a daily basis thereafter to determine whether to continue the strike.

Negotiations with management have so far been deadlocked. (pvs-jl)  
(APws 02/09 1412 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

AFAIK, this has not affected R. France Internationale at all, never mentioned in any of the press about this, altho someone assumed

otherwise --- until now!! --:: (gh, DXLD)

RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONALE JOURNALISTS TO GO ON STRIKE ON 11 FEBRUARY  
| Excerpt from report by French news agency AFP

Paris, 10 February: Journalists at Radio France Internationale (RFI) have decided to go on strike over pay from Wednesday [11 February] at 0000 [Tuesday 2300 gmt], a spokesman for the inter-union committee (representing CGT, CFDT, FO and SNJ) told AFP.

At a general meeting attended by 71 RFI journalists, 56 voted for the strike, eight voted against and seven abstained, the spokesman said.  
[passage omitted]

Radio stations belonging to the Radio France group have been severely disrupted since 27 January due to strike action undertaken for similar reasons. Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1357 gmt 10 Feb 04 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* GERMANY [and non]. Re e-mail reception report using home-brew crystal short-wave set

Very nice hearing from you, Mr. Fischer. I have passed your reception details on to our technical department and they will probably be in touch with you. Although I greatly appreciate receiving our "fan mail", I would suggest you send purely technical information direct to: [waldemar.kraemer@dw-world.de](mailto:waldemar.kraemer@dw-world.de) for quicker verification. Otherwise, please do keep in touch.

I don't know if you listen to Mailbag Sunday/Monday depending upon where our listeners are situated. If you would like to have a song dedicated to you, a friend or loved one, please give me the name and I will be happy to play it in one of the coming Mailbag programmes. I will in any case be mentioning your e-mailed message in the programme on 8th February.

We are sending you a copy of the current Pocket Guide - I presume you have somebody who could read it to you - as somebody will obviously be reading this e-mail to you. Once again, thank you for getting in touch and I hope you continue "tuning in" - and enjoying our programmes.

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<http://www.dw-world.de> (via Duane Fischer, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Duane, The MAILBAG is heard at the following hours on Sunday/Monday UT. [not really a full hour long --- gh]



0600-0700 on 15410 via Rwanda  
1600-1700 on 7225 and 6170 via Sri Lanka  
1900-1959 on 13780 via Sri Lanka and 6180 via Rwanda  
2000-2100 on 15410 and 13780 via Sri Lanka  
2100-2200 on 15410 via Rwanda  
0000-0059 on 7290 via Sri Lanka  
0500-0600 on 15410 via Madagascar, 9565 via Rwanda, 12045 via Rwanda

I took the above off the latest schedule to me recently. Hope some of the frequencies will work for you. Nothing was listed from Antigua. They have no direct frequencies to the USA. On their beam angle the listed all of the above for the USA. Have a good week and lotsa DXing (Stewart H. MacKenzie, WDX6AA, ibid.)

\*\* GUYANA. 3291.10, Voice of Guyana, 10 Feb, 1000 news items "Here is the Voice of Guyana ... at 1200 when the Voice of Guyana...on 3.29 Megahertz..." (Bob Wilkner, R75, NRD 535D, Pûmpano Beach, Florida, US, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* HAITI. Glenn, please tell the world about this. This is ywam Haiti. they own a radio station there and other missionary assets. They are caught right now in a battle between rebel forces and government forces (Morgan Freeman, WJIE, Feb 9)

What station??? I see at <http://www.ywamhaiti.org> that it means Youth With A Mission, inter-denominational, but found nothing about a radio station. Terrible violence has been going on in Haôti for a long time, often involving the press and radio stations. Some guy from Enid is holed up at St. Marc too (gh, DXLD)

Saturday, February 07, 2004 6:41 PM

To: news @ ywamhaiti.org

Subject: [YWAM-Haiti] St. Marc Police station on fire!

This afternoon major gun fights began. Word came around 2:30 pm that the Police station was under attack. All roads are blocked. Even now we are trying to assist some missionaries from CAM to a safe haven for the night. We are in touch with the US Consulate. They have advised us to stay still and in safe locations.

In spite of all these things I have a peace in my heart. Although not all of our foreigners carry my same attitude. Of coarse I have been through these things before. Please pray for peace and continued security. Terry

PS This is a email from a missionary in Gonaives:

Yesterday the streets of Gonaives were filled with masses marching and

singing the liberation of the city from the tyranny of the gov't and its present leader. Today police came to try to retake the city. There has been a lot of gunfire some distant and some very near. Word has it that 2 police were killed and the rest were run off. Later this afternoon a helicopter made several passes around the city evidently sizing up the situation. All roads in and out of the city are blocked. We continue to request your prayers for the situation here. We may not know who is in control here but we know who is on the throne. We know that they who are with us are more than they who are with them. Thank you for your prayers. Rodney Fitzsimmons

From: news-request @ ywamhaiti.org On Behalf Of Terry  
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2004 12:37 PM  
Subject: [YWAM-Haiti] Houses burning

This is an update report.

As of 12:30 pm the city of St. Marc is still experience multiple gun shots from M16, 9mm and various other gunnery. Two houses have just been set on fire throwing distance from our campus walls, but once again we do not feel any threat. There has been no accurate news to relate concerning loss of live or injury. We thank God for keeping us safe through the night while riot groups passed by from time to time.

We have been in prayer and are doing what we can to be ready for anything. Our mode of ministry is now shifting in an attempt to become a safe house for US citizens, Mission Friends or simply victims of the violence. We are also doing what we an to take steps in gaining communication with the Pastors in our network to attempt to have a concert of prayer be lifted up. The battle is a spiritual battle as much as a physical battle.

While for some at the mission safety is a concern for the most part people seem to be handling themselves well with the constant gun fire around them. The US Consulate is in contact with us and have instructed us to stay put. There are no roads out of the city anyway and if we were to try to attempt to leave we would mostly likely place ourselves in harms way.

Let's pray for the unity of the brethren in this time and clear direction on how to pray in God's Kingdom and will.  
From the Front lines Terry W. Snow National Director

Monday, February 09, 2004 2:34 PM To: news @ ywamhaiti.org  
Subject: [YWAM-Haiti] Safety

We are in the middle of a gun battle. Helicopter flying overhead shooting, bullets zipping through campus. We are holding tight. If you

are monitoring closely then pray for safety now.

Meanwhile churches are organizing prayer meetings and we are trying to strategically map a prayer network across the city. If there are any intercessors, you or your prayer group get a specific word from God on how to pray we are in contact with the churches and will pass it on as we can. May God's will be done! Terry (via Morgan Freeman, DXLD)

**\*\* INDIA. THE STORY OF THE INDIAN CHRONOHERTZ STATION, ATA**  
Here's Ariel McLeggon.

It was back in the year 1956 that the National Physical Laboratory on the edge of New Delhi in India began to formulate plans for establishing a radio broadcast service for the dissemination of very accurate time signals on a very accurate frequency in the international shortwave bands. Three years later, on February 4, 1959, this new broadcast service was launched without prior publicity using a 2 kW transmitter on exactly 10 MHz.

This new station was located at Kalkaji, in Greater Kailash on the edge of New Delhi. The antenna was a horizontal dipole one wavelength high directed physically northeast - southwest giving it an almost circular coverage pattern.

The frequency 10 MHz is used by many other chronohertz stations in Europe, the United States, the Pacific & Asia, but the lower power of all of these units means that little interference is encountered in the main coverage area of each station. In 1974, the National Physical Laboratory installed an atomic cesium clock, thus increasing the accuracy of the time signals to an infinite degree.

It was in the following year 1974 that the international radio community in Southern Asia began to focus attention on this station, and as a result of reception reports from many distant listeners, QSL letters were issued by the station director. One year later again, an 8 kW transmitter was installed at ATA, replacing the original 2 kW unit.

In November 1976, the National Physical Laboratory conducted a three day convention under the title, ``Seminar on Time & Frequency.'' Our own DX editor, Dr Peterson, was invited to present a paper at this convention on ``The Usage of Chronohertz Signals by DXers, Shortwave Listeners & International Radio Monitors.'' He also designed a new QSL card for them. At this seminar, they also announced that an additional 8 kW transmitter had just been inaugurated for use on the additional channel 15 MHz.

During the following year, an additional transmitter of the same power

was installed at station ATA and this radiated on 5 MHz. By this time, the old AWR DX program ``Radio Monitors International`` was well established, and so, beginning in 1978, an annual ``ATA Day`` was conducted on air, drawing attention to the station and to the availability of their QSL card.

In 1988, the chronohertz signals from ATA were placed onto the INSAT satellite over India, and by this time, the transmitters were ailing and at times malfunctioning. After a long period of consideration, and increasing technical problems, the decision was finally made not to replace the old electronic equipment, but rather to take the station off the air. Jose states that ATA staff told him in telephone conversations that the radio station was closed somewhere around the year 2000.

Over the more than 40 years of broadcast activity, station ATA in New Delhi had been on the air with a total of four different transmitters on three different channels, 5 MHz, 10 MHz & 15 MHz. Their signal was heard throughout Southern Asia and at times in countries far beyond, and there are just a few distant listeners who are now holding a historic QSL card from station ATA, printed with black text on a yellow card.

Host 1: And if you just happen to be one of those privileged listeners with an ATA QSL card, why don't you write in and tell us. Thanks Ariel (AWR Wavescan Feb 15 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

Chronohertz is to Adrian as sesquigigabuck is to Glenn (gh, DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL. "Non-official" broadcasts via relays - Latest update 10/02/2004 DXA375-Silvain Domen, Belgium. Free to copy and distribute.

Compiled from monitoring and info distributed via:

BC-DX, DXLD, HFCC, ILG

Clandestine Radio.Com, <http://www.clandestineradio.com>

Clandestine Radio Watch, <http://www.schoechi.de/crw.html>

The Italian DX website, <http://www.bclnews.it>

Nagoya DX Circle, <http://newswire.ndxc.org/>

or <http://www2.starcatt.ne.jp/~ndxc/>

DTK: Deutsche Telekom

MNO: Merlin

RNW: Radio Netherlands

TDP: <http://www.airtime.be/schedule.html>

WRN: World Radio Network

Disclaimer: due to conflicting reports,  
some transmitter sites may be tentative

Arabic Radio (ex- Voice Of The Homeland)  
ID: Hurreeyah Hur ar-Arrabeeyah (ex- Sawt Al Watan)  
smtwtfs 0430-0500 7510 RUS Samara A (WRN)  
smtwtfs 1600-1630 7470 RUS Samara A (WRN)  
smtwtfs 1600-1630 12085 MDA Grigoriopol A (WRN)

Degar Voice-Radio Montagnard  
--t-t-s 1300-1327 7125 RUS Chita V (MNO) v-7180

Dejen Radio  
-----s 1700-1800 7560 RUS Samara Tigrigna (TDP)

Democratic Voice Of Burma  
ID: Democratic Myanmar a-Than  
smtwtfs 1430-1530 5905 KAZ Almaty Bu (WRN)  
smtwtfs 1430-1530 17495 MDG Talata Volondry Bu (RNW)  
smtwtfs 2330-0030 5945 D Julich Bu (DTK)  
smtwtfs 2330-0030 12055 MDG Talata Volondry Bu (RNW)

Hmong Lao Radio  
ID: Xotvooj Cua Tsa Kom Cua Ngem Ah Cua  
---w-f- 0100-0200 15260 TWN Taipei La (MNO)

IBC-Tamil  
smtwtfs 0000-0100 7460 RUS Novosibirsk Tm/E (WRN)

Mesopotamian RTV  
ID: Ira Dengi Mezopotamiyah (IDs also in E)  
--tw-f- 1700-1800 7560 RUS Samara Ku (TDP)

Mustaqbul (Somali peace)  
smtwtfs 0630-0700 17565 UAE Dhabbaya So (MNO)  
smtwtfs 1200-1230 17565 AFS Meyerton So (MNO)

New Horizon Radio (via High Adventure Ministry)  
ID: Chan Troi Moi  
smtwtfs 1330-1430 9585 D Julich V (DTK)

Que Huong Radio-The Country Radio  
ID: Que Huong Radio  
-mtwtfs 1330-1400 9930 HWA Naalehu-HI V (TDP)

Radio Amani (Afghan peace)  
-----f- 1630-1730 7350 RUS Armavir Pashto/Dari

Radio Ecclesia (Angolan peace)  
smtwtfs 1900-2000 7205 AFS Meyerton Pr

Radio Free Kashmir

ID: Radio Sedaye Kashmir

smtwtfs 0230-0330 6100 IND ? Kashmiri

smtwtfs 0730-0830 9890 IND ? Kashmiri

smtwtfs 1500-1600 6100 IND ? Kashmiri

Radio Free Vietnam (based in California, USA)

ID: Dai Viet Nam Tui Do

-mtwtfs 1230-1300 9930 HWA Naalehu-HI V (TDP)

--t-t-- 1600-1700 9930 HWA Naalehu-HI V

Radio Huriyo-Voice Of the Ogadeni People

ID: Radio Xoriyo (Radio Freedom)

--t--f- 1630-1700 9820 D Julich So (DTK)

Radio International

ID: Radio Anternacional-e

sm-w-f- 1730-1800 7490 MDA Grigoriopol Fs (MNO)

--t-t-s 1730-1815 7490 MDA Grigoriopol Fs (MNO)

Radio Ndeke Luka (Central African Rep. peace)

smtwtfs 1900-2000 11785 UAE Dhabbaya F/Sango (MNO)

Radio Of The Saharan Arab Democratic Republic

ID: (A) al-Idhaat al-Wataniyah li-Jumhuriyah al-Arabiyah al-Sahrawiyah  
al-Dimokratiyah

(Sp) Esta es el Radio Nacional de la Republica Arabe Saharawi

smtwtfs 0700-0800 7460 ALG ? A

smtwtfs 1700-2300 7460 ALG ? A

smtwtfs 2300-2400 7460 ALG ? Sp

Radio Payam E Doost (Bahai faith)

s-twtf- 0230-0315 7460 MDA Grigoriopol Fs (MNO)

s-twtf- 1800-1845 7480 MDA Grigoriopol Fs (MNO)

Radio Pridnestrovye

-mtwtf- 1700-1730 5960 MDA Grigoriopol E

Radio Rhino International

--twtf- 1500-1530 17870 D Julich E (DTK)

s-----s 1500-1600 17870 D Julich E (DTK)

Radio Voice Of Hope (Sudanese peace)

smt---s 0430-0500 12060 MDG Talata Volondry E/Vern. (RNW)

smt---s 0430-0500 15320 MDG Talata Volondry E/Vern. (RNW)

Radio Voice Of Iran (based in Los Angeles, CA)

ID: Radio Seda-ye Iran

smtwtfs 1630-1830 7580 UZB/F ? Fs

Radio Voice Of Oromia

ID: Radio Sagalee Oromiyaa

-m----- 1730-1800 7560 RUS Samara Oromo (TDP)

Radio Voice Of Oromo Liberation

ID: Radio Sagalee Qabsoo Bilisummaa Oromiyaa

-m--t-- 1700-1730 7560 RUS Samara Oromo (TDP)

Sudan Radio Service (Sudanese peace)

-mtwtf- 0300-0500 9625 G Woofferton E/Vern. (MNO)

-mtwtf- 1500-1700 15530 G Skelton E/Vern. (MNO)

SW Radio Africa (Zimbabwean peace)

smtwtfs 1600-1900 6145 AFS Meyerton Shona/Ndeb./E

Voice Of Biafra International

-----s 2100-2157 7380 AFS Meyerton Igbo/E (MNO)

Voice Of Democratic Eritrea

ID: Demtsi Democrasiyawet Eritrea

-----s 1500-1600 5925 D Julich Tigigna (DTK)

-m--t-- 1700-1800 9820 D Julich Tigigna (DTK)

Voice Of Democratic Path To Ethiopian Unity

ID: Yih Finote Demokrasi Ye-Ethiopia Andinet Dimts New

s----- 0700-0800 17655 D Julich Am (DTK)

---w--- 1830-1930 7220 D Julich Am (DTK)

Voice Of Ethiopian Salvation

ID: Yih Ye Ethiopia Medhin Dimts New

s---t-- 1600-1700 9820 D Julich Am (DTK)

s----- 1800-1900 7520 RUS Samara Am (TDP)

Voice Of Khmer Kampuchea Krom

ID: Vitthayu Samleng Khmer Kampuchea Krom

--t---- 1400-1500 11550 RUS Vladivostok Ca (TDP)

Voice Of Komala

ID: Aira Dengi Komalah

s----- 1700-1800 7560 RUS Samara Fs (TDP)

Voice Of Liberty <http://www.eritreaone.com/> to start Feb. 22 2004

s----- 0400-0500 15675 Tigigna/A (DTK?)

Voice Of Mesopotamia

ID: Dengi Mezopotamiyah

smtwtfs 0500-0900 11530 UZB Tashkent Ku (TDP)  
smtwtfs 0900-1700 11530 MDA Grigoriopol Ku (TDP)

Voice Of Oromo Liberation

ID: Sagalee Bilisummaa Oromoo

s-tw-f- 1700-1800 9820 D Julich Oromo/Am (DTK)

Voice Of The Eritrean People

ID: Ezi Demtsi Hazbi Eritrea

s----- 1730-1800 13690 G Skelton Tigrigna (MNO)

s----- 1800-1830 7130 G Skelton Tigrigna (MNO)

Voice Of The People (Zimbabwean peace)

smtwtfs 1657-1755 7120 MDG Talata Volondry E/Shona/Ndeb. (RNW)

Voice Of Tibet (WRN - all freq. variable)

smtwtfs 1212-1300 11640 TJK Dushanbe Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 15400 TJK Dushanbe Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 15615 UZB Tashkent Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 15645 TJK Dushanbe Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 15660 TJK Dushanbe Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 21495 UZB Tashkent Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 21525 UZB Tashkent Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 21545 UZB Tashkent Ti

smtwtfs 1212-1300 21560 UZB Tashkent Ti

-mtw--- 1430-1515 7485 UZB Tashkent Ti

s---tfs 1430-1517 7525 UZB Tashkent Ti

World Falun Dafa Radio

ID: Fang Guang Ming / Falun Dafa Hao

smtwtfs 0200-0300 17510 HWA Naalehu-HI Ch

smtwtfs 1500-1600 9930 HWA Naalehu-HI Ch

smtwtfs 2100-2200 6035 RUS Samara Ch (TDP)

(Silvain Domen, Belgium, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Hello Glenn, Just read the article about spyware in your latest DXLD... I am currently using a programme called SpywareBlaster, which seems to work VERY GOOD and it's FREEWARE. And... don't worry it can be trusted completely :-)

The address to go to is:

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html>

Some other very interesting links about the subject of spyware are <http://www.doxdesk.com/parasite/> to find unsolicited commercial software, and <http://www.netrn.net/spywareblog/> for waging the war against spyware... 73 Jan

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Greetings from Texel Island (53.05N / 04.50E) - Holland  
Jan Nieuwenhuis [phonetic: JÊn Njueh'eis]

Webmaster/editor Benelux DX-Club (BDXC) ... <http://www.bdxn.nl/>

Author of EURO-TX 5.1 ... THE Database of International Broadcasts  
to EUROPE! <http://www.425dxn.org/swls/bdxn/eurotx/index.htm>

...See a review by Andy Sennitt at RADIO NETHERLANDS:  
<http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/software/html/eurotx.html>

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In case of attachments with this E-mail message ...

Attachment(s) checked for viruses by:

- Symantec Norton AntiVirus Corporate Edition 7.50.846
- Scan engine 4.1.0.6
- Virus definition file 60209h (9-February-2004)

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Computer system guarded by:

- NetworkIce BlackICE Defender 2.9car for Workstation
- JavaCool SpywareBlaster 2.6.1

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Incoming E-mail pre-scanned by:

- MailWasher 1.33

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(Jan Nieuwenhuis, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. RealPlayer sans spyware**

One of the Internet's worst-kept secrets is that RealNetwork's  
RealPlayer is kind of sort of spyware-like and that many of  
RealPlayer's optional downloads -- the extra stuff you can download  
when you first get RealPlayer -- are full-blown spyware.

Because of that, many people have abandoned RealPlayer and switched to  
competing programs like RealAlternative at  
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download4094.html>

RealAlternative is certainly an, um, alternative, but if you are  
married to keeping RealPlayer on your PC, Mac, or \*nix box without it  
spying on you, there may be hope. My good friend Lee Overstreet  
recently posted step-by-step instructions on how to download and  
install RealPlayer on a PC without having it take over your life. Just  
point your web browser to <http://www.uacomputerhelp.com> and click on  
the "Installing Real One Player" link at the bottom of the page.  
Unfortunately, Lee's instructions don't talk about how to install  
RealPlayer on a Mac or \*nix box and disable its spyware-like features,  
but with 100,000+ people on our little bus of Internet happiness I am  
sure someone knows where I can find this information.

If you are using the free version of RealPlayer, chances are you have an old version. Might I suggest you completely uninstall your old version of RealPlayer --- for instructions on how to do this on a PC, take a look at <http://tinyurl.com/ytzw4> --- and then follow Lee's instructions to get the newest version?

Better still, you could instead uninstall RealPlayer and then pay a visit to our friends at the BBC.

Huh? Well, this is kind of hard to believe, but according to an anonymous poster to the Boing Boing blog,

The BBC made a unique deal with Real Networks which disposes of their spyware tactics. Basically, if a user clicks on a link to download Real Player from a BBC website, the referrer script sends them to a page where they can download an expiry-free, spyware-free and nuisance-free version of the player. It's because the BBC have such a stringent public service remit, that it was offensive to charge people a license fee for BBC content, then make them pay all over again for the facility to view/listen to it. You can download the (supposed) non-spyware-like RealPlayer from the beeb at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/audiohelp.shtml?help>

Four different versions are available:

1. One for Windows98, 98SE, ME, NT 4, 2000, and XP.
2. One for Mac OS X.
3. One for Windows 95 or Mac OS 8 or 9.
4. One for Solaris 2.6/2.7 or Linux 2.0

The BBC also offers step-by-step installation instructions. Pretty cool, huh? And, to listen to any of the BBC's countless online broadcasts, just hop on over to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio> and click on the station to which you'd like to listen (Clued [clued@noware.net](mailto:clued@noware.net), [alt.binaries.sounds.radio.misc](http://alt.binaries.sounds.radio.misc) via Fred Vobbe, DXLD)

\*\* IRAQ. Re 4-013: Information Warfare or Yesterday's News?  
January 13, 2004, Article originally posted at:  
[http://www.guerrillanews.com/corporate\\_crime/doc3711.html](http://www.guerrillanews.com/corporate_crime/doc3711.html)  
[mainly about SAIC and its intelligence agency connexions]

Note: This article is full of inconsistencies. First, Al-Hurra, which was called "Middle East Network" during the planning stages, is being launched with US\$62 million - not US\$100 million. It will be a fast-paced 24-hour news network. SAIC did not bid to run Al-Hurra but instead to develop and manage the Iraqi Media Network, which represents the Iraqi Governing Council, until Iraq adopts a

constitution (Nick Grace, CRW Jan 31 via DXLD) See also USA

\*\* IRAQ. Making Waves in Iraq --- January 5, 2004

Article originally posted at: <http://blogs.csmonitor.com/liblog/>  
[RNMN's Iraq Dossier and CRW are mentioned in this article. -CRW]

The practice of beaming radio propaganda into foreign lands is nothing new. In the 20th century, this became the standard operating procedure of many nations during the Cold War and its aftermath. That the same thing is happening in post-war Iraq should not be surprising. For the best look at Iraq's media melange go to Radio Netherlands' excellent Iraq Media Dossier. Using a good portion of material from BBC Monitoring and Clandestine Radio Watch, this site covers just about every aspect of the state of Iraq's media climate both prior to and currently under the Coalition Provisional Authority, which runs the Voice of New Iraq (alternatively Voice of Free Iraq) under the Iraqi Media Network.

United States broadcasting abroad, of course, must be done with a knowing glance, if not under the watchful eye of, the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The BBG is the "independent, autonomous entity responsible for all U.S. government and government sponsored, non-military, international broadcasting." These broadcasting ventures include Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (which started with funding from the CIA), Radio Sawa (Arabic-language programming), Radio Marti (into Cuba), and Radio Free Iraq (run by RFE/RL).

The rebuilding of the Iraqi media infrastructure was one of seven contracts given to Science Applications International Corporation by the Bush administration. The employee-owned (and therefore unaccountable to the Securities and Exchange Commission) SAIC has been a prime contractor for the US Defense Department and US intelligence agencies for many years. SAIC was also set up as the prime employer for those working for the beleaguered Iraqi Reconstruction and Development Council, a group which reports to Douglas Feith, US Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.

Christopher "Ryan" Henry is Feith's top deputy and was a senior vice president at SAIC through October 2002. The IRDC was set up under the Future of Iraq project working group two months before Operation Iraqi Freedom and was, as recently as December, sponsoring pro-Coalition Provisional Authority demonstrations in Iraq. Intelligence Online has produced a very helpful chart on "How SAIC Extends its Influence in Iraq." To learn a little more about SAIC's Iraq contract to set up the "free and independent indigenous media network," go to the Center for Public Integrity's "Anatomy of a Contract", part of its Windfalls of War special investigative report. For more on the San Diego-based

defense contractor, see these stories from Asia Times and Corpwatch.com (Christian Science Monitor webpage Jan 5, 2004 via N. Grace, USA for CRW via DXLD)

\*\* IRAQ. MORE LOCAL MARINES DEPLOYED TO IRAQ  
January 31, 2004 Article originally posted at:  
<http://www.thehawaiichannel.com/news/2795357/detail.html>

"Several are members of the 3rd Radio Battalion. They perform communications support and electronic warfare."  
(via A. Sennitt, Holland, Jan 27, 2004 for CRW via DXLD)

\*\* IRAQ. NEW IRAQI SATELLITE TELEVISION CHANNEL TO BE LAUNCHED MID FEBRUARY | Text of report by Lebanese newspaper Al-Safir web site on 9 February

A new Iraqi satellite television channel will be launched in the middle of this February. It will begin with a trial transmission lasting until 1 March. The channel, which calls itself Al-Diyar, will be run by Iraqi media man Faysal al-Yasiri in cooperation with the Arab Radio and Television Network, ART, which contributed to setting up and financing the new channel.

The Al-Diyar channel's main headquarters will be in Baghdad. It will open bureaus in several Arab capitals at a later stage. According to people in charge of the channel, it will mostly air entertainment programmes with Iraqi flavour, in addition to some cultural, science and news programmes.

The station will transmit its programmes for about 14 hours a day. However, no final decision has been taken as yet on the type of its variety and other programmes.

Iraqi journalist Sadiq Mahdi Sha'ban who is in charge of coordination in Al-Diyar said: "The channel seeks to take advantage of the existing climate of freedom and use a pure Iraqi agenda in its broadcasts to the Iraqi people. The channel will also devote programmes to Iraqi women, dealing with mother and childcare, which were absent in the past."

The new channel will be financed by several sources, including advertisements. The Al-Diyar channel booked two sites on the Nile Sat and Hot Bird. But it is not known yet on which of the two satellites it will operate. Source: Al-Safir web site, Beirut, in Arabic 9 Feb 04 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* IRELAND [and non]. Ozone Radio reported in its Jan 18th programme that it would be reducing to a one broadcast per month schedule, due

to lack of response. Broadcasts will be on the first Sunday of each month, and Prince Terry even remarked ``Free radio is dying``.

The Sunday before, Jan 11 on 7480 at 1050 included World of Radio; was this Ozone?

[other stations reported at various times in same issue on 7480: Radio Delta / Mister X, Phantom FM via Ozone, Radio Normal / East Coast Holland] (Dave Kenny, England, Alternative Airwaves, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Further logs of Ozone:

5810, 18 Jan 1111, closed down just before radio news (Stuart Dobson, Paul Watson, UK)

5810, 18 Jan 1025, Phantom FM, Dublin, via Ozone, media Beacon program (Stuart Dobson, UK)

6200, 18 Jan 0900, Ozone International, World of Radio, Bobby Sparks program (David Gascoyne, Stuart Dobson, Paul Watson, UK; Charles Scott, Glasgow; Robert Petraitis, Lithuania)

7471, 4 and 11 Jan, 1150, off at 1111 [sic], rock, English (Gascoyne, Dobson, Watson, Petraitis, ibid.)

7485, 21 Dec 0955, Phantom FM, Dublin, via Ozone, Media Beacon program (Dobson)

7485, 21 Dec 1053, Prince Terry, RF problems (Gascoyne, Dobson, ibid.)

\*\* ITALY. Have been running across very good signal from Rai, in Italian at 1500 on 11900, including Feb 10. Rather lo-fi audio and thought it might be a Far East relay, but announced as for the Mediterranean basin and Malta! This is listed as Roma itself, 100 kW at 120 degrees, not the direxion of Malta, but close to directly off the back toward here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KURDISTAN. KNN TV LAUNCHES WEB BROADCASTS

January 20, 2004 Article originally posted at:

<http://www.knntv.net/indexenglish.htm>

KNN is an independent media organisation that protects the interests of the Kurds in West Kurdistan. Because it is not possible at this time for KNN to broadcast its programmes via satellite, we will transmit via the Internet.

Launch

KNN will be launched in January 2004. It will enhance the current media and will convert these media into a visual media and will figure prominently in highlighting Kurdish culture and identity (via A. Sennitt, Holland, Jan 20, 2004 for CRW via DXLD)

Note: RealVideo news presentations are already streamed as of

publication (CRW Team, Jan 31 via DXLD)

\*\* LATVIA. 9290, 7.2 2125, European Music Radio via Latvia, English, many IDs, address announced, e-mail, Bob Marley-music, asked for listeners reports, on air since 1976 as Pirate radio, mentioned that the power was 100 kW this Saturday. Strong reception and very entertaining music program. S4 BV (Bjarke Vestesen, Denmark, SW Bulletin Feb 8, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LATVIA. Radio Mi Amigo will be carried on the Ulbroka transmitter on 9290 on Sat 14 February from 1500-1700 UT (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

\*\* LIBERIA. COMMUNITY RADIO GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE  
Abdullah Dukuly  
<http://www.ipsnews.net/interna.asp?idnews=22321>

MONROVIA, Feb 9 (IPS) - When former Liberian President Charles Taylor took up Nigeria's offer of exile last year, he left behind a country where the flow of information had slowed to a trickle - particularly in rural areas.

Prior to his departure, Taylor served for six years as head of state, an office he was elected to after staging a rebellion against the government.

"A few months after President Charles Taylor assumed power, he withdrew the shortwave frequency of the mainstream private radio stations and subsequently banned them. As a result, we have been living on rumours and misinformation dished out to us by supporters of the former president," says Gedemina Forkpa, a schoolteacher from central Liberia.

"For six years, we were virtually cut off from current events that emanated from the capital, Monrovia."

For Mambu Sonni, a social worker in the west of the country, "It was a period in which the walls of terror and banditry were erected."

Sonni adds, "The Taylor misinformation factory - the Liberia Communication Network, in reality a network of lies, confusion and deceit...succeeded in not only depriving us of actual information on happenings in Monrovia, but also instilling fear in us."

The Liberia Communication Network - run by Taylor - included newspapers, radio and television stations that previously dominated the nation's media.

Short-wave broadcasters like Star Radio - an independent outlet funded by non-governmental organisations (NGO's) - and Radio Veritas, a Catholic-run station, were amongst the first victims of Taylor's efforts to restrict freedom of speech. The broadcasters were accused of wanting to "destroy Liberia".

When civil conflict resumed in 1999, rebels also vandalised outlying radio stations.

Now, the country's airwaves are being freed as part of efforts to give Liberians a voice in reconstruction and development. As a result, the number of community radio stations is on the increase - once again with some assistance from international NGO's.

Mercy Corps is one of these aid groups. The organisation's Country Director, Sam Gotoma, says the idea is to ensure that "community residents have a say in the development of their areas and get the kind of information they need to function properly. The purpose is to give voice to the voiceless".

Radio Veritas has taken to the airwaves once again, broadcasting programmes about political developments and religion on both FM and shortwave. Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA) - another religious station - is funded by American evangelists.

Workers from the Firestone rubber plantation, some 50 miles south of Monrovia, run a community station called Stone 105 FM. Previously, staff used a car battery to power the station, which focuses on news and entertainment. Now, a generator and modern equipment enable the broadcaster to serve its audience.

Stone 105 relays political and general news from radio stations based in Monrovia to communities located within a 30-kilometre range of its office. This amounts to a population of 60,000 listeners.

The Director of the Broadcast Division at the Ministry of Information, Jacob Hina, has welcomed the establishment of community stations, describing it as a way of allowing people to shape their futures. "The exercise is a great step towards enhancing the constitutional provisions under fundamental rights", he added.

Article 15 of Liberia's constitution states that the public should have free access to information about the government.

Hina said the country's transitional government, set up after Taylor's departure, was aware that "the lack of information, insufficient information, distorted information and biased information were some of

the ills responsible for many problems confronting the nation".

With general elections for a permanent administration scheduled for October this year, community stations are set to play an even more important role in Liberia.

"We will use the community radio stations now being established in areas under the control of the UN force to carry out voters' education," said elections official Henry Cherue.

But, while community stations blossom, the state-owned radio is limping along.

An executive of the Liberia Broadcasting Corporation, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said government wasn't providing much assistance to the organisation - and that matters had been made worse by a steady decline in advertising revenue over the past few years. (END/2004) (via Alokesh Gupta, DXLD)

[same story:] Community radio back on air in Liberia  
<http://www.mg.co.za/Content/l3.asp?ao=30926>  
(via Jilly Dybka, Mike Barraclough; both via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Trying to remember the SW frequencies of Star Radio, which existed from 1997 to 2000. No help is an otherwise thorough article as of Jan 1998 by Nick Grace, which only gets around to mentioning one frequency, 5100 for another station, and maintains that Star Radio was a 'white clandestine' on behalf of the US, tho run by the Fondation Hirondelle: <http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/liberia.htm>

Nor do numerous Hirondelle pages bother to mention them. But here <http://www.dxl.com/nordx/feature.html> we see that in October 1997, there was a special DX broadcast on 3400 or 5880 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LITHUANIA. Re 4-024, RVi Radio World Feb 8: Some of these details do not quite correspond to the reality: Radio Vilnius does not broadcast in Russian, and it does not use 1557 kHz. The current B03 schedule can be found in WRTH 2004, pg. 526; it was also posted here in DXLD last autumn:

0000-0030 7325 SIT NAm Lithuanian  
0030-0100 7325 SIT NAm English  
0900-0930 9710 SIT Eu Lithuanian  
0930-1000 9710 SIT Eu English  
1900-1930\* 666 SIT LTU English  
2300-2330 9875 SIT NAm Lithuanian  
2330-2400 9875 SIT NAm English



SIT = Sitkunai, Lithuania (100 kW SW, 500 kW MW).

\*) For domestic audience via Lietuvos radijas 1 (666 kHz +FM), also in Lithuanian 2100-2130 (FM only). (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A few important corrections to Frans Vossen's Radio World published in DXLD 4-024. If I remember correctly, Lithuania stopped carrying Lietuvos Radijas-1 with its Lithuanian and Russian programs on 9555 towards Russia about five years ago. The Russian programs of Lietuvos Radijas-1 (the home radio service) can be heard on 666 kHz and FM. There is no external broadcasting in Russian from Lithuania. The frequency of 1557 is used exclusively for China Radio Int. relays in various languages from 2000 to 0000 UT, no R. Vilnius in English here. Current info about AM/SW broadcasting in Lithuania can be found at: <http://www.zilionis.lt/rtv/radio-am-e.htm> (Sergei Sosedkin, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA. RTM TO HAVE TWO MORE RADIO CHANNELS

ALOR STAR Feb 9 - Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) wants to add two more radio channels to attract young listeners. Deputy Information Minister Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai said the two channels would be in English and Chinese while the main focus would be on entertainment programmes.

"The two channels would start operations in two to three months time," he told reporters after a briefing session for the Kedah Information Department staff Monday. According to Lim, the objective of introducing another two channels was to attract more young non-Malay listeners to radio channels as there was an apparent lack of interest among them.

RTM has eight channels airing Malay, English, Chinese and Tamil programmes, 24 hours a day. - Bernama <http://www.utusan.com.my>  
Regds, (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, DXLD) Any on SW??? (gh)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. Do you know what happened to <http://www.okcityradio.com> - -- it disappeared at yearend. Was a neat site with station histories and logos (Glenn to Bill, via DXLD)

I don't know what happened to it, but a search of Oklahoma City radio history finds a lot of goodies from Google. I know that there are tons of radio history coming to the new state historical building, when it opens (Bill Eckart, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. As if the Oklahoma airwaves were not already oversaturated with gospel huxters, another big one is coming on this

year. A story in the Garber-Billings news, Jan 29, ``FCC Approves new 100,000-Watt Station in Ponca City``, about KJTH 89.7 ``The House``. Photo of staff in front of sign || Future Tower Site of KJTH 89.7 ``The House`` --- 100,000 Watts - 1000 Foot Tower --- On the Air Summer 2004 --- <http://www.897thehouse.com> ||

I checked the site and for now it leads back to that of parent station KLVV 88.7. The new station will play Contemporary Christian music while KLVV 88.7 will take a new format of inspirational praise music and teaching. KLVV already has five translators: 98.3 Enid, 106.7 Stillwater, 97.3 Guthrie, 107.1 Perry/Stillwater, 99.7 Moore/OKC. In Oct 2003, added 2300-watt ``full power`` [sic] sister station KXTN 89.1 Shawnee.

New station is projected to be on air in August 2004; tower south of Lamont, the article says. I suppose this may knock off another gospel huxter translator in Enid on 89.5, and put an end to E-skip reception here of WUSF and many others on 89.7 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PERU. 5005.78, Radio LTC, Juliaca with good signal, 10 Feb 1030 to 1100 music "...veinticuatro minutos..." by OM, four minutes off correct time, YL with music.

4950.15, Radio Madre de Dios, Puerto Maldonado, 10 Feb 1040 to 1100 long conversation between YL and OM, slow Spanish (Bob Wilkner, R75, NRD 535D, Pûmpano Beach, Florida, US, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Presumed?

\*\* PERU. My antenna, which was strung out across a field, now encased under about a foot of ice. Signals seem pretty good regardless. Kenwood R-5000, 300' longwire, pointed SW.

Radio San Antonio de Padua, 3375.04, 2/9, 1045+ Weak signal with some nice Andean folk & announcements.

Radio Horizonte, 5019.95, 2/9, 1111+ HUGE S9+10 signal after R. San Antonio de Padua totally faded out. I found the sig, hit the tape deck, and left for work. It was so strong that I thought it was new Cuban or C.A. station. Saw Robert Wilkner's log of this this morning, same time, same freq, so I guess it belongs here (Andrew Yoder, Waynesboro, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. RADYO GIL-AYAB IN CAGAYAN  
Another weapon in education, propaganda and cultural work

Article originally posted at:  
<http://www.philippinerevolution.org/cgi-bin/abshow/abshow.pl?year=2003;month=12;day=21;edition=eng;article=07>

Published in Ang Bayan, December 21, 2003

The trial broadcast of Radyo Gil-ayab was like a spark that started a prairie fire in all of Cagayan Valley.

Radyo Gil-ayab (Iloko word for "blaze"), the radio station of the revolutionary movement in Northeastern Luzon is now ablaze in the entire Cagayan Valley. After its successful trial broadcast, Radyo Gil-ayab will regularly broadcast every two months and will be disseminated in the form of compact disks and cassette tapes.

Gil-ayab aims is to clarify to the people the revolutionary movement's stand and analysis on burning issues in the region and nationwide, transmit news on people's struggles and propagate revolutionary culture and art.

Its trial broadcast in October featured a message from NDF regional spokesperson Ka Salvador del Pueblo during Peasant Week.

The comrades and masses were completely delighted by "Paran", an adaptation of a Bombo Radyo-Cagayan advertisement on the rottenness of jueteng (an illegal numbers game) and how it is used as a milking cow by politicians. But in this adaptation, Paran argues with his wife not on whether to place a bet in jueteng but about joining a confrontation rally of peasants to reduce interest rates on loans.

The segment "Tangguyob ti Gubat" ("War Trumpet"), on the other hand, delivered news on regional and national developments in August and September.

The masses were also elated when "Laglagipen, Ilaban Nagbannugan!" ("Never Forget to Fight For What You Worked Hard For!") was featured in the cultural section. This is a song about the people's struggle against the Community-Based Forest Management or CBFM, which is a burning issues for peasants in the region.

The first regular broadcast is set for this month. Emulating well-liked programs in the bourgeois mass media, Radyo Gil-ayab will feature additional segments such as "Toy Nagsurat a Kadasig yo" (This Writer Who Is of Your Class), a drama about the life and struggle of comrades and the masses and "Takder Proletaryo" (Proletarian Stand), a 20-minute talk show, among others.

Like other guerrilla radio programs, Radyo Gil-ayab uses simple equipment and processes to come up with a broadcast. It uses the Sound Forge 5.0 computer program for recording, mixing sounds and inserting sound effects; and Adobe Premiere for editing. Other equipment used

are a lapel microphone, headphones and a tape recorder. The staff approaches various guerrilla units to get voice talents. It is composed of three people who engage in mass work in between their radio work.

Producing a broadcast goes through four stages: pre-production or script writing; production or recording; editing; and finally, the reproduction of copies. A typical production usually takes from one to two weeks. Radyo Gil-ayab also plans to set up similar units or radio groups in every guerrilla front in the region.

Radyo Gil-ayab is the latest of the many propaganda forms that the revolutionary movement in Cagayan Valley now maximizes in response to the Party's call to further improve the conduct of propaganda and education work and expand their scope.

With the broadcast of Radyo Gil-ayab, it is hoped that thousands more people will be reached by revolutionary propaganda that will further raise the consciousness and militancy of comrades and the masses and further fan the flames of struggle in all of Cagayan Valley (via Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

#### COMMUNISTS TO START NORTH LUZON BROADCAST ON RADIO

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By Frank Cimat, Inquirer News Service January 6, 2004

BAGUIO CITY -- Taking a cue from National Democratic Front spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal's radio broadcast over the Southern Tagalog side of the Sierra Madre, communist rebels in Cagayan Valley province will also set up their own radio broadcast this year.

"Radyo Gil-ayab" will be inaugurated this month, according to the "Ang Bayan," the official paper of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Gil-ayab is an Iluko term for "blaze" similar to "Dangadang" or "fire" which is the official organ of the CPP for Far North Luzon.

Radyo Gil-ayab had a successful test broadcast over Cagayan Valley during last October's Peasant Week celebration, with NDF regional spokesperson Salvador del Pueblo at the helm.

This month, Radyo Gil-ayab will be broadcast every two months and disseminated on audiotape and compact disk format.

"Gil-ayab aims to clarify to the people the revolutionary movement's

stand and analysis on burning issues ... transmit news on people's struggles and propagate revolutionary culture and art," the Ang Bayan said.

The paper said Northern Luzon rebels have been using the radio since the 1970s to air their stand on issues like militarization, agrarian reform and regional autonomy.

Radyo Gil-ayab adapts the Iluko soap opera skits popular in the Cagayan Valley. These include "Toy Nagsurat a Kadasig Yo" (This Letter-writer Who is of Your Class), about the life and struggle of rebels and the masses that uses the program popularized by radio legend Tia Dely Magpayo (via CRW via DXLD)

#### NPA REBELS TO SET UP OWN RADIO STATION

Article originally posted at:

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By Harley Palangchao, Manila Times January 5, 2004

BAGUIO CITY --- To keep up with the fast-changing technology, communist guerrillas in Cagayan Region will soon launch its own radio station with ``brilliant`` rebels as commentators and broadcasters.

Ang Bayan, the official publication of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), said communist rebels actually conducted a trial broadcast of Radyo Gil-ayab (Ilokano word for blaze) last year and it was successful.

Ang Bayan said the trial broadcast featured ``Paran,`` an adaptation of a Bombo Radyo-Cagayan advertisement on the rottenness of jueteng and how it is used as a milking cow by politicians and ranking police officers.

After its successful trial broadcast, Radyo Gil-ayab, communist guerrillas have decided to have a regularly broadcast every two months this year and will be disseminated in the form of compact disks and cassette tapes.

Ang Bayan said ``Gil-ayab aims is to clarify to the people the revolutionary movement's stand and analysis on burning issues in the region and nationwide, transmit news on people's struggles and propagate revolutionary culture and art.``

It was learned that Radyo Gil-ayab uses simple equipment and processes to come up with a broadcast. It uses the Sound Forge 5.0 computer program for recording, mixing sounds and inserting sound effects; and

Adobe Premiere for editing.

Ang Bayan said it is not the first time that the communist underground movement had used air frequency for their propaganda.

``They had used it in the '70s and '80s in Northern Luzon and had challenged military commanders ``on air`` on reported human-rights violations, illegal logging operations and gambling,`` portion of Ang Bayan reads.

The CPP-NPA's publication also reported that the rebels will set up a similar radio station in other regions like the Cordillera Administrative Region (via CRW via DXLD)

Another version of this was in 4-003, followup in 4-004 raising further doubt that it's an on-air radio station at all (gh, DXLD)

#### PSYWAR IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Nick Grace, January 31, 2004

With the eyes of the world on the southern Philippines an armed guerrilla group is quietly waging a strategic psywar campaign in the archipelago's main island in an effort to consolidate its support among the local populace and weaken the pro-American and democratic government in Manila. Its latest venture, they claim, is setting the region "ablaze" in advance of local and national elections set for May 10. The government, however, calls it an intimidation tactic.

Well known for targeted assassinations against local politicians and expatriates, the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) announced in late December the existence of Radyo Gil-ayab. The station, which means "Radio Blaze" in the Ilocano language, marks a dramatic turn in strategy as its programs coincide with increased tactical offensives and operations against the infrastructure on Luzon island and the democratic political process.

The CPP, which the U.S. Department of State designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization in order to shut down their fundraising activities in Europe and the U.S., is no stranger to propaganda. Its Radyo Gil-ayab, thought by many outside of the Philippines to be the group's first covert radio station, is but the latest in a long history of subversive campaigns over the airwaves. Shortly after the founding of the CPP in the 1970's radio was used as a strategic psywar weapon against individual military officers attempting to track them down. Reports also indicate that broadcasts in the 1980's identified and 'outed' alleged human rights violators and members of local gambling rings.

Radyo Gil-ayab, a source within the CPP told Clandestine Radio Watch (CRW), has broadcast intermittently on FM [WTFK??!!] with a low-powered transmitter capable of reaching villages around Baggao in Cagayan Valley, which is the CPP's main stronghold in North Luzon. The remote location of the transmitter, while protecting the group's propaganda capabilities from capture, comes at a cost, however.

"Because of the rough and mountainous terrain of the Philippine countryside," the source said by e-mail "the government armed forces are not able to easily pinpoint and move to the location of such transmissions. However, although small, such mobile transmitters are still not easily moved from one place to another; thus, making regular broadcasts difficult to carry out."

That said, CRW has learned that Radyo Gil-ayab has attempted to broadcast at least on two occasions. Its first program was aired in October during "Peasant Week" with communiqués and official declarations of party honchos as well as a news round-up called "War Trumpet." The second program was broadcast in late December with a radio drama and interview program.

The CPP propaganda mouthpiece, Ang Bayan, described the production process behind the programs in a feature story on the station published in December. Three people are said to be involved in the operation balancing their "mass work in between their radio work." Sound editing, the piece claims, is done with Sound Forge 5.0 and the final production is mixed with Adobe Premiere. By the time a program is finalized for broadcast, weeks have already passed.

While the announcement of Radyo Gil-ayab went unnoticed by the international press the Ang Bayan story was widely reported throughout the Philippines. Left unsaid in these reports, however, is whether anyone actually heard the station's programs.

Nevertheless, the CPP is clearly following a well-planned strategy to rattle Manila to the bone. It has aggressively increased its imposition of "permit-to-campaign" fees on politicians seeking to campaign in rebel strongholds, which in 2001 garnered an estimated P50 million (US\$847,000) for the group.

Its military arm, the New People's Army (NPA), has also targeted the region's infrastructure with attacks. Guerrillas burned a cell phone transmission site in early January and nearly shut down a major power plant that serves metro Manila, which would have caused widespread blackouts throughout the capital had it been successful.

Such tactical ops are classic guerrilla psywar strategies.

In addition, the Armed Forces of the Philippines suspects that a newly licensed community MW station in Baggao, Radyo Cagayano, will be used as a pulpit for the CPP. The station was launched by Bayan Muna, a Left-leaning political party that analysts say is sympathetic to and quite possibly a front organization for the CPP. Its president, Satur Ocampo, was, in fact, a peace negotiator for the CPP's political wing, the National Democratic Front. [WTFK??!!]

"It wouldn't be a shock if (Radyo Cagayano) becomes a venue of their propaganda," the military stated on November 13, 2003. "It is most likely to be utilized by the CPP/NPA in its efforts to ridicule the government and drum beat militarization in the area. It also seen that it will be used by the CPP/NPA as an avenue to implement agrarian revolution through propaganda..."

Residents of Baggao are equally as concerned by the existence of Radyo Cagayano and have voiced their objections in the pages of local newspapers. One letter in September 2003 to the daily Malaya stated "I'm afraid that the radio station would be fully utilized to the advantage of left-leaning organizations and their members as their main propaganda tool in their 'anti-government and revolutionary stand.' It would also provide an edge to the CPP/NPA activities by advancing their cause and use the radio station as their cloak masquerading as a legitimate party... (The government) should make a stand on this issue because Bayan Muna members in the countryside are now closely associated with NPA rebels."

To date Bayan Muna is exempt from the CPP's "permit-to-campaign" bribes. The party holds three congressional seats that are up for reflection in the May elections.

There is also increasing evidence of cooperation between the CPP and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a group with ties to Jemaah Islamiyah, Abu Sayaaf and al Qaeda, that operates in the southern islands. Membership is extremely fluid between the groups, analysts say, and they share certain members and even certain terrorist cells. The MILF is known to run Camp Abubakar, a terrorist training camp on Mindanao island that has hosted Jemaah Islamiyah operatives, and is also the NPA's main arms supplier.

The government is taking Radyo Gil-ayab and the CPP seriously. The station merely shows "their usual double talk out-and-out lying and intimidation using the airwaves," Lt. Gen. Romeo Domínguez, commanding general of the Armed Forces Northern Luzon Command, said in a January 12 armed forces press release. "But the people know that the end terrorism is a reality."

While it remains to be seen whether Radyo Gil-ayab has captured an



audience or if Radyo Cagayano becomes a propaganda mouthpiece for the movement, the clandestine radio station has already landed the CPP one strategic victory. That the group could indeed pull off clandestine broadcasts suggests weakness on the part of the government in its northern front. And with Manila and Washington focused on Abu Sayaaaf and its allies in the south the CPP clearly intends to chip away at the government from behind and deepen the crisis as the election nears (Nick Grace C., Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

\*\* RUSSIA. The Voice of Russia has stopped live web-broadcasting in foreign languages on its site. Currently, the site carries the Russian-language programming only  
[http://www.vor.ru/Audio/audio\\_eng.phtml](http://www.vor.ru/Audio/audio_eng.phtml)  
The fare consists of VoR's traditional Russian service, Sodruzhestvo broadcasts (a news service for the ex-USSR) and Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio (a pop-music/short features service for ex-USSR).

Also, Russkoye Mezhdunarodnoye Radio is now beamed to eastern North America from 0000 UT (or earlier) till 0600 (or later) on 7125 kHz. Most likely, this transmitter is located in Trans-Dniestr Republic (Sergei Sosedkin, IL, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. Voice of Russia changed to 12060 (1400-1800), after a brief stay at 9490 on recent days. Transmitter: 35 kW from Taldom near Moscow, target: Europe. Info:  
<http://baseportal.com/baseportal/drmdx/main>  
(Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Feb 10, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

\*\* SOMALIA. RADIO GALKAYO, RADIO FOR PEACE

Article originally posted at:  
<http://www.reliefweb.int/w/rwb.nsf/480fa8736b88bbc3c12564f6004c8ad5/eddb1a5f92f756ecc1256ddb0033b135?OpenDocument>

By Aden Nur Mohamed, Manager, Public Relations, Radio Galkayo  
November 11, 2003

During the civil war, while the whole world was being apart, a group of young people with some older ones and a few intellectuals from Galkayo joined forces. Together, they advanced the idea for creation of a radio for peace: Radio Galkayo.

With the support of Oxfam-Quebec and Oxfam Canada, Radio Galkayo developed programs for peace which were heard throughout the country.

With this initiative, we brought together communities at a time when no one even dared speak of peace and reconciliation. In partnership

with other local groups and businesses we then developed other programs to continue our mission of peace. Without Oxfam, we would not be where we are today. This organization has done the most to establish stability for radio and consequently establish a more peaceful environment in Puntland. But the contribution to the peace and development effort also follows, for a large part, from our Diaspora. It is this effort of co-operation by all of us which will create a more peaceful world in which to live and prosper.

After the civil war, Galkayo became home to businesses and non-government organizations (NGO) which were very successful. Radio Galkayo is proud of having contributed to establishing a peaceful environment for companies to put down roots in Galkayo, Puntland and the whole of Somalia. There are numerous signs of success: banks, construction companies, water purification companies, businesses, airlines, factories, telecommunications...

There is no doubt that the most significant example is the Galkayo Education Center for Peace and Development (GECPD). This organization operates to reinforce the ability of women to defend their fundamental rights. There is also the Y Foundation, a local NGO which contributes to conflict resolution programs, urban planning, health education and encourages community participation in the development of local projects.

My dream is that Radio Galkayo will continue to be a community radio, always promoting ideas of peace, love, labor and development in the community. For my neighborhood and my country, I pray for more understanding, for peace and for a stable and democratic system (via Clandestine Radio Watch Jan 15 via DXLD)

\*\* SOMALIA [non]. Mustaqbal, re 4-016:

CRW is including this station/program, which does not fit into the "clandestine" radio category as defined, since it is funded with government funds for the purpose of influencing the political landscape of Somalia. We see this station in the same category as the Sudan Radio Service, as a "Peace Radio" initiative. We highly recommend readers visit Hansjoerg Biener's "Peace Radio" site as well as RNMN's "Hate Radio Dossier." Links can be found in the CRW portal page on <http://schoechi.de> (M. Sch^ch Jan 31, 2004 for CRW via DXLD)

\*\* TIBET. 4920, 31.1 2052, Tibet with rather pop influenced international music until ``start`` 2100 with announcements in English among others. But lousy audio this night and only QSA 2-3 JE/RFK (Jan Edh/Ronny Forslund, Sweden, SW Bulletin Feb 8, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UKRAINE. Heard Radio Ukraine International in (presumed) Ukrainian 2/5/04, 0327-0355 UT, 5910, SINPO 34232. I was not able to find an entry in any of my usual resources or DXLD for the last couple of months. I tried again 2/6/04 and found English: 5910 kHz, 0125-0205 UT, SINPO 34233.

At the end of the broadcast, they gave a schedule for English:

2200	5840, 5905 Khz	to Eu
1200	15320 Khz	to ?
0100	5910 Khz	to NA
0200	5910 Khz	to NA
0400	? (not able to get the frequency or target area from either the broadcast or recording) 73's (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, USA, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)	

I don't think 15320 is the correct 1200 frequency, and I don't think there is an English broadcast at 0200; the 0100 repeats to NAM at 0400 on 5910 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Middle East --- AL HURRA SET TO BEGIN PROGRAMS  
January 21, 2004 From ALSHARQ ALAWSAT newspaper, London:

Mr. MOWAFAK HARB the general manger of ALHURRA TV - an American TV, the first American TV in Arabic targeteing the Arab world. [caption?]

"The kick off the station will be after the bairam (feast) on Feb 1, 2004. We hope that we will be on 24/7 from day 1. We will surprise the Arab viewer from day 1 and I refuse the idea that Al Hurra represents the American point of view. We are a network, which will expand the horizons with different point of views that will attract the Arab viewer...

"What really attracts the Arab viewer is NOT American policy but it's the gossip that goes with it...

"Al Hurra TV is funded by the American people. The political system of the US is not a single-minded system and we will show that in our news programs...

"There's a new program called 'Free Hour,' which will host American and Arabic political stars! It's a 60 minutes show every week...

"The new station will cover all the Middle East area on both Arab Sat and Nile Sat. From day one we will emphasize on the news we get through a huge network of reporters spread all over the world in addition to talk shows and documentaries...

"We have a close association with Radio Sawa!"

He refused to mention any name of the crew of the network stating that they will be stars, new born stars. "I'm telling the Arabic viewers to wait for us." He stated that he used to work for several American networks which qualified him to head the new network.

Rumors are that some of the chief editors of Aljazeera and BBC radio will work with the new network (ALSHARQ ALAWSAT, London, via T. Zeidan, Egypt, Jan 21, 2004 for CRW and edited by N. Grace, CRW via DXLD)

Alhurra TV ! Hello, Re Fahad Bishara's "it's your world" in DXLD 4-024, I've been keeping an eye on the "Al Hurra channel" and yesterday I was checking again and found a note, sort of a test card with a note in Arabic stating that the channel broadcasts on both Nile Sat and Arab sat - which are the 2 main Arabic satellites covering the Middle East area - with no time given. But what really made me laugh out loud was the way they misspelled the word ARAB SAT as they wrote it in Arabic with the English pronunciation which looks like ERAB SAT in Arabic to me; as an Arabic native speaker that had only one explanation: those who wrote that note are not native Arabic speakers --- that note lasted for a while and then suddenly went off the screen, just a black screen for some time. Now it's 0400 UT Wednesday 11/2/04. I checked again, and one more clue that may support my idea: I found a new note saying "the kick off is next Saturday" which is the Valentine's Day BTW ;) but the Arabic used is very very slangish which makes it sound like "Opening Saturday" !!!

I know it may not mean a lot to you guys in the west, but if this channel is here to change the image of the US in this part of the world, I think they should speak in OUR language, not in that broken Arabic I'd say!! But after all they chose SAWA for the name of their radio station - which was played on the back ground of AlHurra TV in this period of testing - which is a very slangish word of "Together" used by the teens --- which is the MAIN target. I THINK !! All the best Guys (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Feb 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Herald Broadcasting Syndicate [soon to close down]  
B-03 Shortwave Frequency Schedule 10/26/03 to 03/27/04

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WSHB 032.41.02N 081.07.51W

UT    Frequency (band)    Region    Frequency (band)    Region

0000	07535 (41m)	Ea No Am/Carib	09430 (31m)	Cent & So America
0100	07535 (41m)	Cent No America	09430 (31m)	Cent & So America
0200	07535 (41m)	W&C No America	09430 (31m)	Mexico
0300	07535 (41m)	Russia	05850 (49m)	Russia

0400	07535 (41m)	Ea Eur/Russ	12020 (25m)	East & Cent Africa
0500	07535 (41m)	Central Europe	12020 (25m)	South Africa
0600	07535 (41m)	West & Cent Afr	Off The Air	Off The Air
0700	07535 (41m)	West & Cent Afr	09845 (31m)	Australia / New Zealand

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0800-1400 Broadcasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Only

0800	07535 (41m)	Europe	09845 (31m)	Australia / New Zealand
0900	07535 (41m)	Europe	09455 (31m)	Brazil/So America
1000	06095 (49m)	Ea No Am/Carib	09455 (31m)	South America
1100	06095 (49m)	Ea No Am/Carib	09455 (31m)	Cent & So America
1200	09430 (31m)	Ea No Am/Carib	09455 (31m)	Cent & So America
1300	09430 (31m)	No America	09455 (31m)	Mexico

1400	Off The Air	Off The Air	Off The Air	Off The Air
1500	Off The Air	Off The Air	Off The Air	Off The Air
1600	Off The Air	Off The Air	17765 (16m)	East Africa
1700	Off The Air	Off The Air	17505 (16m)	Central Africa
1800	15665 (19m)	Europe	17505 (16m)	South Africa
1900	15665 (19m)	Europe	17505 (16m)	South Africa
2000	11650 (25m)	Europe	15665 (19m)	East & Cent Afr
2100	11650 (25m)	Europe	15665 (19m)	West & Cent Afr
2200	07510 (41m)	West Europe	15285 (19m)	Brazil
2300	07510 (41m)	So Europe/W Afr	15285 (19m)	South America

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Page last updated: 2003 September 24 (via Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. I understand that one of the night towers for WQXI 790 Atlanta (7-90 The Zone local and Fox sports) has fallen. They are now running 500 watts non directional nights instead of the usual 1000 watts directional (Brock Whaley, GA, Feb 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 'HOMETOWN' RADIO STATION GOES ON THE AIR

By Randall Murray Staff Writer February 8, 2004

[http://www1.tcpalm.com/tcp/jc\\_local\\_news/article/0,1651,TCP\\_1114\\_2639227,00.html](http://www1.tcpalm.com/tcp/jc_local_news/article/0,1651,TCP_1114_2639227,00.html)

North County fans of music from the '50s, '60s and '70s have a new place to tune on their radio dials -- WJTW, 100.3-FM in Jupiter.

The new "hometown" radio station fired up and sent its sounds out over a five- to six-mile broadcasting range last week, said station owner Tom Boyhan. The highly automated station is located in Boyhan's Jupiter Community Radio offices at 342 Toney Penna Drive.

The station's signal is sent out via an antenna perched atop a 70-foot palm tree planted behind the office. As the tree grows, Boyhan quipped, the station's range will spread. "We would like it to be

about 100 feet tall."

With the existing antenna the station will be heard primarily in Jupiter, Tequesta and Juno Beach.

The 100-watt station has been a project of Boyhan's for nearly three years. He is station president, and other officers include his wife Nancy, and Robert Duplessis and Fitch Dix, both of Jupiter.

Initially the format of WJTW will be automated music, interspersed with a "trivia corner," soon to be joined by an "informational moment," said Boyhan. Noting he expects to find some bugs in the operation, Boyhan said, "We will deal with the problems as they arise."

Boyhan, who operated a station in Jupiter in 1997, stressed that as the station matures its focus "will be strictly local." He has plans to broadcast local sports live, and has inquiries from local sources about informational and religious programming.

"We will have a community bulletin board and stress good news," said Boyhan.

Eventually he expects the station's operation will be supported by local advertising. But advertising on WJTW will not be like that found on larger commercial stations. Advertisers will not be permitted to quote prices or cite specific sales events or attractions.

"They can describe their business, tell what they do and where it is," Boyhan stated, explaining what he called "underwriting sponsorships."

One of the first local announcements broadcast Thursday afternoon was for the Rotary Club's upcoming pancake breakfast. The spot was read by Chris Marsh of Jupiter, who helped erect the palm tree-antenna.

Active in local political circles, Boyhan plans to invite candidates for local offices to go on the air to explain their positions on issues.

He got involved in local radio as a result of giant communications companies gobbling up local radio stations across the country. Communities lost their local identity and Boyhan said he wants to establish WJTW as a community-oriented station with a strong local identity (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Apparently an -LP station. I suspect the FCC would look dimly on a claim five years later that their antenna had 'grown higher' (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Here's notice of an upcoming DX test... PLEASE NOTE: Even if you don't hear a test, be sure and drop a card, letter, or e-mail to the station personnel, thanking them for going to the trouble to run a test!

Sunday, March 14, 2004 - WTOP-1500, Washington, DC will conduct a DX test from midnight to 1 am EST [0500-0600 UT]. The test will consist of WTOP's regular all-news format; the station identifies frequently. The test will be run at WTOP's full power of 50000 watts, and will switch to a daytime-directional antenna pattern for the duration of the test. Reception reports may be sent to:

WTOP Radio, 3400 Idaho Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016  
WWW: <http://www.wtopnews.com/>  
(Arranged by Lynn Hollerman for the IRCA CPC)

Also, if you hear a test, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know, via either e-mail or in [rec.radio.shortwave](mailto:rec.radio.shortwave)! And if you send a reception report to a station, please remember to include return postage with your report... Lynn. [Ircamember@ircaonline.org](mailto:Ircamember@ircaonline.org) Visit the IRCA Web site at <http://www.ircaonline.org> (via NRC-AM via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Notice that the old website of the Jim Bohannon Show, <http://www.jimbotalk.com> apparently no longer exists, not that is was of any use. WEVD has a link to <http://www.jimbohannon.com> but all it says is 'Welcome' -- under construxion, let us hope.

Westwood One has its own uninformative page at [http://www.westwoodone.com/talk\\_bohannon.htm](http://www.westwoodone.com/talk_bohannon.htm)  
But without the only info we really need, a complete and uptodate schedule of all affiliates carrying the show, and as much advance info as possible about guests.  
Also: technical info, which shows exactly how the commercial breaks work: [http://www.westwoodone.com/talk\\_bohannon\\_tech.htm](http://www.westwoodone.com/talk_bohannon_tech.htm)

In a Google search, I found a few more stations which carry Jimbo and webcast, UT Tue-Sat!  
WMEL 920 Melbourne FL, 0507-0759, <http://www.920wmel.com/listenlive/>  
WEVD 1050 New York, 0707-0959, <http://www.2050wevd.com/listenlive.html>  
KRMG 740 Tulsa OK, 0707-0959, <http://www.krmg.com/listen/>  
In addition to WNTK live at 0307, and K-57 Guam delayed till local evening, as long listed in Monitoring Reminders Calendar  
<http://www.worldofradio.com/calendar.html>  
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. '50s COLD WAR LED TO FAMED CLASSICAL SHOW  
By David Hinckley, Daily News Staff Writer

When Harry Fleetwood died last Sunday at his Manhattan home, age 86, it recalled a small, fascinating subplot of New York radio in the '50s.

Fleetwood played classical and semi-classical music on ``Music Through the Night,`` which ran midnight-5:30 a.m. over WNBC from 1952 to 1975. He then moved to WNCN and was host of a classical show through the late '80s.

On the air at WNBC, he identified himself only as ``Fleetwood.`` He had a distinguished voice and a pedigree to match, with a masters degree in romance languages, fluency in French and a fondness for poetry and folksong.

But ``Music Through the Night`` was really spawned by the Cold War. WNBC, like most stations, signed off at midnight after its dance band remotes. However, notes the book ``Airwaves of New York,`` Civil Defense authorities asked NBC to keep that big signal on the air all night in case the Russians struck at 3 a.m.

So ``Music of the Night`` was born, and Fleetwood was chosen over 1,500 applicants as the host. The show was particularly renowned for its theme, a haunting version of ``Greensleeves.`` (NY Daily News Jan 26 via Bob Thomas, CT, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4782.4, Jan 20 at 0053, not Mali, which has a 0000 sign-off, I think, and 1 kHz higher; Asian? With phone-in and (very) tentative Azad Kashmir Radio mention, SIO 232 (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

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LANGUAGE LESSONS  
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Re: DXLD TOO MULTILINGUAL? DXLD 4-001, DXLD 3-232

Hi Glenn, I saw Hermod Pedersen's comment about ASCII vs. Unicode in DXLD 4-001. I find his comment terribly hypocritical, given that Hermod suppresses such debates on hard-core-dx.

A few years back someone posted an item on hard-core-dx explaining why HTML-mail and attachments are bad.

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/archive/2001/msg02841.html>

I attempted to supplement that info with URLs where people could learn how to turn off HTML-mail. List moderator Hermod threw my post



back in my face saying he did not want to create a debate. Apparently he preferred that people remain ignorant about their e-mail settings.

Hard-core-dx operates under an open-source copyright, but they care more about censorship than they do about open-source.

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Windows and Mac do accented characters differently. They use a different code for the same character. I think there are several different versions of 8-bit extended ASCII. Lynx text browser offers 21 different versions of display character sets; chosen one at a time. DXLD's accented characters do not come out right in Mac text-editor.

Your accented characters DO work in Netscape4 for Mac. It is apparently set up to recognize Windows format. Netscape4 does NOT recognize my Mac generated accented characters properly, and the Mac symbols come out wrong too.

I dug into Lynx options, and found the following:  
Options Menu (Lynx Version 2.8.5dev.16)  
Display character set: [\_\_7 bit approximations (US-ASCII)]

I don't remember having the 7-bit approximation option in older versions of Lynx. But it seems to solve the accent problem in Lynx. It seems to remove all the "lethal" 8-bit characters. The stand-alone grave accent mark ` is in the 7-bit ASCII set. If Duane's screen reader does not choke on that, I think this could work for him to read DXLD. I will e-mail Duane and see if he is interested in trying our local free-net. We are locals (Larry Russell, MI, Feb 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Outdoor lights need lamp shades too! \* <http://www.darksky.org/>

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS  
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RSGB DRAGGING FEET

PLC or power line telecoms (PLT) uses the HF bands for distributing broadband internet and has the potential to effectively wreck our hobby. What puzzles me is that the RSGB --- the club that most radio amateurs would choose --- which seems to be involved in the consultations, here in the UK, is keeping a low profile. In order for this to be stopped they really need to be making a big fuss about it like the ARRL in the US, before it is too late! Tests are already being conducted here, in the Winchester and Crieff (Scotland) areas by Scottish and Southern Electricity, which is pushing for national adoption (Dave Kenny, Open to Discussion, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

DRM

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Here are the latest DRM schedules, from the only two active sites in the Western Hemisphere, the source of much noise to analog listeners. The frequencies really ought to be shown as covering 10 kHz at least, e.g. 15250-15260:

UTC Days kHz Beam Target Power Programme Language as of Feb 9

BONAIRE, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES:

|           |         |       |     |                   |    |     |         |
|-----------|---------|-------|-----|-------------------|----|-----|---------|
| 0500-0600 | Sat/Sun | 15255 | 230 | NZ + SE Australia | 10 | RNW | English |
| 2200-2300 | daily   | 15530 | 320 | N America West    | 10 | RNW | English |
| 1100-1300 | daily   | 21780 | 50  | SW Europe         | 10 | RNW | English |
| 2100-2155 | daily   | 11730 | 50  | Europe            | 10 | RNW | English |

SACKVILLE, CANADA:

|           |       |      |     |                   |    |                |         |
|-----------|-------|------|-----|-------------------|----|----------------|---------|
| 0400-0459 | daily | 6010 | 285 | W & C No. America | 70 | BBCWS          | English |
| 2055-2130 | daily | 9800 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | Vatican Radio  | English |
| 2130-2200 | daily | 9800 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | RNW            | English |
| 2200-2300 | daily | 9800 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | RCI            | English |
| 2300-2330 | daily | 9800 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | Deutsche Welle | English |
| 2330-2359 | daily | 9800 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | Radio Sweden   | English |
| 0000-0059 | daily | 6015 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | BBCWS          | English |
| 0100-0159 | daily | 6140 | 268 | NE USA/Canada     | 70 | Radio China    | English |

<http://baseportal.com/baseportal/drmdx/baseportal.pl?htx=/drmdx/main&cmd=list&range=0,80&sort=Site>

There are of course a number of sites in Europe doing this, none of which are aimed at North America, but may also be buzzing us (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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TV SET CALLED MURDER WEAPON

[http://www.ajc.com/tuesday/content/epaper/editions/tuesday/metro\\_0482e82a47d8704b1040.html](http://www.ajc.com/tuesday/content/epaper/editions/tuesday/metro_0482e82a47d8704b1040.html)  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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The geomagnetic field ranged from quiet to major storm levels. Quiet to unsettled conditions early on 02 February quickly gave way to active to major storm periods following the onset of a high speed

coronal hole stream. The storming was short-lived as quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active periods persisted from 03 February through 06 February. The disturbed periods were in response to moderately high speed solar wind and periods of sustained southward Bz. The geomagnetic field was predominantly quiet to unsettled on the 7th and 8th, as the high speed solar wind subsided.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 11 FEBRUARY - 08 MARCH 2004

Solar activity is expected to range from very low to moderate levels. Regions 551 and 554 contain moderate complexity and size and have potential for low M-class activity during the first week of the period. Predominantly very low to low activity levels are expected from late February through early March as the active longitudes rotate out of view.

No greater than 10 MeV proton event are expected during the period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 13 - 16 February, and again on 24 February ñ 05 March, due to recurrent coronal holes.

Geomagnetic activity is expected to range from quiet to minor storm levels with a chance of isolated major storm levels. A coronal hole high speed stream will become geoeffective on 13 ñ 16 February and produce occasional active to minor storm conditions. Recurrent coronal hole high speed streams are expected by late February through early March and will likely produce occasional active to minor storm periods with isolated major storm periods possible.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt

:Issued: 2004 Feb 10 2211 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Environment Center

# Product description and SEC contact on the Web

# <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2004 Feb 10

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2004 Feb 11 | 120        | 12        | 3        |
| 2004 Feb 12 | 120        | 15        | 3        |
| 2004 Feb 13 | 120        | 20        | 4        |
| 2004 Feb 14 | 120        | 20        | 4        |
| 2004 Feb 15 | 120        | 15        | 3        |
| 2004 Feb 16 | 130        | 12        | 3        |
| 2004 Feb 17 | 130        | 10        | 3        |

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|-------------|-----|----|---|
| 2004 Feb 18 | 125 | 12 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 19 | 115 | 12 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 20 | 110 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 21 | 100 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 22 | 100 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 23 | 95  | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 24 | 90  | 20 | 4 |
| 2004 Feb 25 | 85  | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 26 | 95  | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 27 | 95  | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 28 | 95  | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Feb 29 | 100 | 20 | 4 |
| 2004 Mar 01 | 105 | 25 | 5 |
| 2004 Mar 02 | 105 | 20 | 4 |
| 2004 Mar 03 | 105 | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Mar 04 | 105 | 15 | 3 |
| 2004 Mar 05 | 110 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Mar 06 | 115 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Mar 07 | 120 | 10 | 3 |
| 2004 Mar 08 | 120 | 10 | 3 |

(<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/radio> via WORLD OF RADIO 1220, DXLD) ###